

*Passing of the Peace

*Worship with Song *Sign, Jesus Shine* TFWS, 2173

To Breathe God In

Children’s Church

Reading of Scripture Mark 1.4-11, NRSVue

Hymn of Preparation

Womb of Life TFWS, 2046, vs. 1-3

Reading of Scripture Ephesians 4.1-6, NRSVue

Words from the past made new to us today!

Thanks be to God!

Message **One Baptism**

Rev. Dr. Vaughn Thurston-Cox

Worship with Music and Reflection

We Three Kings

- John Hopkins, Jr. setting by John Carter

And to be the Breath of God in Community

Worship with our Tithes & Offerings

Musical Offertory

How Firm A Foundation - The Sacred Harp

- arr. by Cindy Berry

Doxology

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

Praise Him, all creatures here below;

Praise Him above, ye heavenly host:

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Remembering our Baptism

And so I ask you, will you turn away from the powers of sin and death?

We renounce the spiritual forces of wickedness, reject the evil powers of this world, and repent of our sin!

Will you let the Spirit use you as prophets to the powers that be?

We accept the freedom and power God gives us to resist evil, injustice, and oppression in whatever forms they present themselves!

Will you proclaim the good news and live as disciples of Jesus Christ, his body?

We confess Jesus Christ as our Savior, put our whole trust in his grace, and promise to serve him as our lord, in union with the church which Christ has opened to people of all ages, nations, and races!

Will you be living witnesses to the gospel, Individually and together, wherever you are, and in all that you do?

We will remain faithful members of Christ's holy Church and serve as Christ's representatives in the world.

The Spirit of the Lord is with us.

Even so, come Lord Jesus!

Almighty God, the life you birthed in us by baptism into Jesus Christ will never die. Your justice never fails. Your mercy is everlasting.

Your healing river flows. Your Spirit blows where you will. We cannot stop you, God!

Come upon us, Holy Spirit!

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Come upon these waters.

Come upon these waters.

Let these waters be to us drops of your mercy.

Let these waters remind us of your righteousness and justice.

Let these waters renew in us the resurrection power of Jesus.

Let these waters make us long for your coming reign.

*Hymn of Blessing

Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness TFWS, 2120

Benediction

Thank You for Serving

Pastor	Rev. Dr. Vaughn Thurston-Cox
Liturgist	Tim Barany
Musician	Sandi Kersten
Song Leaders	Jenny Lynn Girvan, Ken & Elaine Konyha
Ushers	Harry Barter & Patti Davidson
Tech	Keith Danielson, Dan Girvan, & John Faas



SUNDAY, January 7

- ⇒ 9:15 am, Small Group
- ⇒ 10:30 am, Worship, Sanctuary
- ⇒ Fellowship Hour following Worship

MONDAY, January 8

- ⇒ 10 am, Senior Stretch, Wesley Room
- ⇒ 10:30 am, Finance & Operations, Wesley Room

TUESDAY, January 9

- ⇒ 9 am UnDeck the Halls
- ⇒ 9 am Program Coordination Team, Wesley Room
- ⇒ 10:30 am, Worship Team, Wesley Room

WEDNESDAY, January 10

- ⇒ Community Dinner - Shephard's Pie
4:30 - 5:00 pm Take-out
5:00 - 6:00 pm Dine-in
- ⇒ 6:30 pm, Property Management, Wesley Room
- ⇒ 6:30 pm, Bell Choir Rehearsal, Music Room

THURSDAY, January 11

- ⇒ 10 am, Senior Stretch, Wesley Room
- ⇒ 5:30 pm, Chamber Business After Hours

FRIDAY, January 6, 10 am, Prayers & Squares,
Wesley & Music Rooms



Centenary United Methodist Church

The Breath of God in Community

January 7, 2024

Baptism of our Lord Sunday

We Gather Together

Prelude ***How Brightly Beams the Morning Star***
- Phillip Nicolai - setting by John Carter

Welcome & Announcements

For Worship

*Call to Worship:

Holy waters call us here.

We are a people of the water.

Splash and play in holy springs

We are a people of the Spirit.

Wash in the fount of Christ's love.

We are a people of God's grace.

Come! Our baptism calls us here.


*Gathering Prayer

*Worship with Song

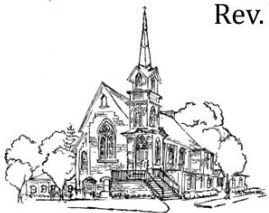
God, Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens

UMH, 150, vs.1, 3-4

* Please Stand

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Our Vision: To be the Breath of God in Community
Our Values: Loving God, Serving Others, Welcoming All